

CLAIMS

1. An electronic radiotelephone comprising:
a first ²housing;
a second ^{1,4}housing releasably attachable to the first housing to meet with the first housing around the periphery of the radiotelephone; and
retaining ³means comprising a cover, for holding the electronic components of the radiotelephone to the first housing when the second housing is released from attachment with the first housing.
2. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second housing is a user interface housing of the radiotelephone.
3. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the retaining means comprises a circuit board of the radiotelephone.
4. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in claim 3, wherein at least one key sensor is provided on an outer surface of the circuit board.
5. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein the cover is arranged to hold components of the radiotelephone between it and the said circuit board.
6. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in ~~any of claims 3 to 5~~ ^{claim 3}, wherein the cover is releasably engageable with the circuit board
7. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ ^{claim 1}, wherein at least one user interface component is retained by the cover.

8. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in claim 7, wherein the cover includes an aperture overlying at least one user interface component retained by the cover.

9. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein a sealing member is retained by the cover.

10. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~any preceding claim~~, comprising at least one key unit for user-actuation of a key sensor, and wherein when the second housing is released from attachment with the first housing the key unit is free to move with respect to the first housing.

11. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~any preceding claim~~, comprising at least one key unit for user-actuation of a key sensor, and wherein when the second housing is attached to the first housing the key unit is sandwiched between the second housing and the key sensor.

12. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in claim 10 ~~or 11~~, wherein the key unit is a key mat.

13. An electronic radiotelephone as claimed in claim 11 ~~or 12~~, wherein the key sensor comprises a membrane switch.

14. An electronic radiotelephone substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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